

## REMARKS

The claims in the application are 1 and 3-22.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement raised in the Office Action, Applicant elects Species B: Figs. 4 and 5, for examination at this time. Currently, Claims 1-5 and 13-16 read upon the elected species.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted independent Claim 1, as amended herein, is also generic to species C and E for the following reasons. Referring to the drawings of the present application, independent Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate part of the recitation from Claim 3, namely to recite arrangement of the intermediary piece 11 between the compression spring 8 and plunger 3 as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. Claim 2 which was directed to species A: Figs. 2 and 3 has been canceled without prejudice.

Species C: Fig. 6 shows a piston or piston-shaped part 14 positioned as an intermediary piece between the plunger 13 and spring 8. In this regard, Claim 6 has been amended to recite the piston 14 includes the intermediary piece. Accordingly, Claims 6 and 7 are covered by independent Claim 1.

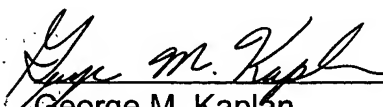
Species E: Figs. 14-16, shows, among other features, a piston 51 intermediately positioned between the plunger 55 and spring 59 as described, e.g., at the bottom of page 10 of the present application. Accordingly, Claims 17-22 are also covered by independent Claim 1.

The right to file a divisional application the subject matter of Claims 8-12 directed to species D, is explicitly reserved by the Applicant.

A petition for an automatic one month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate together with the requisite petition fee.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George M. Kaplan", is written over a horizontal line.

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